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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON IMPENDING CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER AND INTERIM FOLLOW UP ON ONGOING ISSUES OF PROLIFERATION CONCERN REF: A. STATE 109649
Classified By: ISN Acting DAS Richard Stratford. Reasons: 1.4(b) & (d).

11. (S) ACTION REQUEST: In September during their meeting at the APEC summit in Sydney Australia, President Bush discussed with Chinese Preside
16. NOTE THAT THESE POINTS ARE EXTREMELY TIME SENSITIVE AND THE IC PROVIDED POINTS MUST BE USED VERBATIM.

----- OBJECTIVES -----

2.(S/REL CHINA) Post should:

-- Press China to demonstrate its commitment on this issue by halting the impending shipment of suspected munitions on the Iranian-flagged M/V
-- Highlight Iran's failure to honor end-user agreements with respect to purchases of Chinese conventional arms and Iran's policy of providing
-- Remind Chinese officials that President Bush has been personally engaged on the issue of Chinese conventional weapons sales to Iran.
-- Stress that the credibility of UN Security Council actions must be maintained by vigorous implementation by UN Member States of relevant res
-- Encourage the PRC not only to implement robustly all provisions of UNSC resolutions calling for Chapter VII sanctions, particularly 1737 and
-- Indicate that the United States believes that we can work together cooperatively and effectively on this important issue. -- Inform the Chir

----- -- Background: Conventional Arms Transfers to Iran -----

3.(S/NF) Washington remains concerned about on-going conventional arms transfers from China to Iran, particularly given Iran's clear policy of

4.(S/NF) We have raised the issue of conventional arms transfers repeatedly this past year with Chinese officials, and President Bush discussed

15. (S/NF) We are particularly concerned about an impending shipment of military cargo to Iran, and see this as a litmus test of China's commit

----- TALKING POINTS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS:

6.(S/REL CHINA) BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

-- We continue to stress the serious threat posed by conventional weapons transfers to Iran and urge that China take immediate steps to stop th
-- President Bush raised this issue with President Hu at the September APEC Summit.

-- The U.S. views very seriously the possibility that PRC-origin weapons of recent manufacture are still reaching insurgents in Iraq via Iran.

BEGIN CLEARED IC TALKING POINTS THAT MUST BE USED VERBATIM:

-- The Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) Iranian-flagged M/V Iran Matin on Persian Japanese Line (P JL) voyage 1831 was in port at
-- This vessel was booked in October to load 83 20-foot containers of cargo, including cartridges, for Iran's Defense Industries Organization (DIO)
-- After loading various bulk cargoes at Tianjin, the Iran Matin was scheduled to shift to the container terminal to load 91 20-foot containers
-- Although we are not certain of the entire contents of this shipment, we are extremely concerned that any military equipment, such as ammuniti
CLEARED TALKING POINTS TO BE USED VERBATIM.

-- Furthermore, the end-user for these goods, the Defense Industries Organization (DIO) is listed in the annex to UN Security Council Resolutio
-- We urge that China take immediate steps to stop the transfer of Chinese-origin arms to Iran and to implement China's UNSCR 1737 obligations.

----- Reporting Requirement and POC -----

7.(U) Please report delivery of cable and any immediate response by November 23, 2007.

8.(U) Washington point-of-contact for follow-up information is XXXXXX XXXXXX. Please slug all responses for ISN, T, and EAP. Washington appreci
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